Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, J. Edward Berry, Jr., a native of Memphis, Tennessee, was born on August 7, 1945; and,

Whereas, Ed graduated from the University of Memphis with a bachelor of science degree in political science in 1968 and began a career with General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) that would span 40 years of dedicated and loyal service; and,

Whereas, Ed worked for GMAC offices in Albuquerque, New York City, and Detroit, joining the government relations staff in 1983 as a senior staff assistant and continued to take on more responsibilities as manager of research and policy development and manager of field operations; and,

Whereas, Ed was appointed Executive Director of state and local government relations for the General Motors Public Policy Center in 1989; and,

Whereas, Ed has given freely of his time and energy, through his service to numerous boards and industry associations; and,

Whereas, Ed's plans to retire on November 1, 2008, will provide him with an opportunity to enjoy some well deserved leisure activities, including pheasant hunting in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Ed's colleagues at General Motors will gather on October 23, 2008, to honor and thank him for his dedication and commitment to an extremely successful and prestigious career:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him good health and happiness in his well deserved retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State